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To Whom it May Concern,

As an Assistant Professor of Sociology who teaches courses on gender and human sexuality, I object in the strongest of terms to mandating birth control with no co-pays under the Affordable Care Act.

As a feminist, this proposal does NOT help men and women achieve equal standing in American society. This proposal only facilitates the existing discrimination against women because they can get pregnant. Equality is NOT achieved by doling out contraceptives. Equality is achieved by supporting women with children in the workforce through a variety of methods such as a federally mandated paid maternity leave or subsidized child care options. The ultimate solution should be geared towards helping families, not eliminating them. Americans should not be forced to pay for a service (i.e., contraceptives) that perpetuates gender discrimination.

It is imperative that you give credence to my personal objection along with those of millions of other Americans who do not want to be forced to pay for and provide medication, devices, and procedures that do not treat or prevent any disease or illness, but distort and render inoperable a healthy reproductive system. This rule is unjust, untenable, and un-American--and it should be stricken.

Sincerely,

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